

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A cleat comprising:
a leg;
a pair of projections extending from the leg; and
~~at least one of~~ a full hand grip aperture formed in the leg; and
means for adjustably mounting the cleat on a support[.],
the mounting means including a strap and a slot formed in the cleat for receiving the strap.
 2. (Currently Amended) The cleat of claim 1 wherein the mounting means comprises:
the full handgrip aperture formed in the leg [disclosed]disposed adjacent to a horn portion, with the pair of projections extending from the horn portion.
 3. (Original) The cleat of claim 2 wherein:
the horn portion has a generally convex outer surface.
 4. (Currently Amended) The cleat of claim 3 wherein the mounting means comprises:
~~a strap coupled to the cleat, and~~
clasp means attached to the strap to enable the strap to be tightened about a support.
- Please cancel claim 5.
6. (Original) The cleat of claim 1 wherein:
outer side edges of the leg have an arcuate shape.
 7. (Original) The cleat of claim 1 wherein:

the aperture in the leg has a surface with the length to receive four fingers of a human hand.

8. (Currently Amended) The cleat of claim 1 wherein the mounting means further comprises:
~~a strap coupled to the cleat; and~~
clasp means attached to the strap to enable the strap to be tightened about a support.

Please cancel claim 9.

10. (Original) The cleat of claim 1 further comprising:
a base, the leg extending from the base.

11. (Currently Amended) The cleat of claim 10 wherein:
~~an~~ the hand grip aperture is formed in at least one of the leg and the base for receiving ~~a~~ the strap.

12. (Original) The cleat of claim 10 wherein:
the base and the leg are monolithic.

13. (Currently Amended) A cleat comprising:
a leg;
a pair of projections extending from the leg; ~~and~~
hand grip means formed on the cleat for forming a hand grip surface capable of receiving a full human hand[.] the handgrip means being an aperture in the leg having a surface with the length to receive four fingers of a human hand; and an outer surface of the leg having a substantially convex surface shape.

Please cancel claim 14.

Please cancel claim 15.

**16. (Original) The cleat of claim 13 further comprising:
a pair of projections extending from the leg.**

**17. (Original) The cleat of claim 13 further comprising:
side edges of the leg having an arcuate shape.**

**18. (Original) The cleat of claim 13 further comprising:
a strap attachable to the cleat; and
clamp means, carried on the strap, for tightly wrapping the strap about
a support.**

**19. (Currently Amended) ~~Th~~The cleat of claim 13 further
comprising:**

a base, the leg extending from the base.

**20. (Original) The cleat of claim 19 wherein:
the base and the leg are monolithic.**